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**TWO HENDERSON MEN INDICTED ON DRUG
TRAFFICKING AND FIREARM CHARGES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Bowling Green **returned a Superseding Indictment** charging **WAYLON BUTLER**, age 20 and **MICHAEL L. TUTT**, age 23, both of 701 Cherry Street, Henderson, Kentucky, with drug trafficking and firearm charges.

The Indictment charges that from in and about July 2005 until about January 18, 2006, **Butler** and **Tutt** conspired to distribute approximately five grams or more of "crack" cocaine.

On January 18, 2006, a cooperating informant purchased approximately five grams of "crack" from **Michael Tutt**, who came out of Apartment #32, 701 Cherry Street in Henderson, Kentucky. Later that day, a search warrant was executed at that same residence and drug scales, more suspected "crack" cocaine and a .380 caliber pistol were discovered.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000

fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Butler and **Tutt** are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on January 25, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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